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THE NEW TURNED-UP POINT, 1084. [278

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IT is hereby notified that the HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS will fire from MACHINE GUNS on a land and water range in the Bay East of Deep Water Bay TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 22nd January, 1898.

Picquets will be posted to ensure safety of land range.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [269

LOST in QUEEN'S ROAD on THURSDAY, 13th January, SEVERAL KODAK PHOTOGRAPHS and FILMS. Please return to Rev. G. E. VALLINGS, ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [268

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING, & DYEING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of the above COMPANY will be held at the OFFICES of the General Managers, No. 4, PEDDER'S STREET, on MONDAY, the 5th day of February, 1898, at 4 o'clock in the AFTERNOON.

This Meeting is called in order to comply with the Hongkong Ordinances and only formal Business will be transacted thereat.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. [270

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 525 E.C.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of VICTORIA CHAPTER will be held at the FREEMASON'S HALL on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. [271

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"PAKHOI,"

Captain Stott, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. [272

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEN, KARRACHI, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

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Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all claims must be sent in to the undersigned before NOON on the 26th January, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th January will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1898. [5

HOUSE OF LORDS WHISKY.

PARTIES are cautioned against spurious imitations and cheap brands of Whisky being sold as supplied to the House of Lords.

The only Genuine House of Lords bulk Whisky, as supplied to that Assembly during the last 18 years, is Saunders [OB] Brand in long black bottles. It is never shipped in Dumps or clear bottles.

CRAIGELLACHIE GLENLIVET DISTILLERY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [148

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will let by PUBLIC AUCTION ON MONDAY, the 24th day of January, 1898, at 3 o'clock P.M. On the Spot

The SEVERAL LOTS numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneers' Office, for Erection of Booths and Matsheds on the Government ground adjoining the Race Course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

TERMS:—Cash.

For Conditions of Sale, Apply to
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [228

MR. GEO. H. WHYMARK has been favoured with instructions from CHAS. BRAGG, Esq., Consul for Sweden and Norway, to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, At a date to be afterwards announced.

I.—The Norwegian Iron Steamship

"TANCRED"

as she now lies beached at Port Cockburn, Nishinomote Sima, Loochoos. The Vessel is of 1,238 tons gross, 101 N.H.P., Compound Engines, 2 Cylinders, 22" and 46"; 33" stroke, and was built in 1880 by W. H. POTTER & SON, of Liverpool; a new boiler was put in last year, and the Engines thoroughly overhauled and parts renewed, while extensive repairs were effected to the Vessel. She will be sold with all her running gear, &c., &c., as it now stands.

N.B.—The vessel was not driven on shore, but was beached in a sheltered position by the Captain, one of the plates under the Engine Room having started; she is therefore comparatively undamaged.

AND AFTERWARDS

II.—The remainder of the Cargo of board consisting of about 30,000 bags of Manila Sugar, original weight about 20,000 piculs.

AND

III.—The Bunker Coals, 90/100 tons Japanese, and the ship and Engine Stores still remaining on board.

TERMS:—Cash on the fall of the Hammer.
Kobe, 8th January, 1898. [252

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NAFTALY BROS.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. [263

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself as a MERCHANT under the name of H. PIRY & Co., (Li Wah Ying), at No. 19, PRAYA WEST.

H. PIRY.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1898. [240

NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence of Dr. NOBLE,
F. H. BOWERS, D.D.S.,
will carry on the BUSINESS of Doctor NOBLE & Co., DENTAL SURGEONS.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [170

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

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Windsor Magazine Xmas No. (2 Complete Numbers)	0.70

QUEEN'S ROAD, Under HONGKONG HOTEL. [26

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 22nd instant.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
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Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency,
J. G. F. AUGUSTIN,
Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,
HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
S. CHOH,
Agent.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1898. [235

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned Insurance Offices will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 22nd instant.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
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General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

N. J. EDE,
Secretary,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.

W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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J. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,
CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.

W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1898. [229

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Hongkong, 22nd October, 1897. [2145

INTIMATIONS

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDINGS, on FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 19th, to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898 (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [196

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDINGS, on FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898, at 12 o'clock (NOON) for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 19th, to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898 (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1898. [197

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDINGS, on FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898, at 3 o'clock in the AFTERNOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 22nd January, to FRIDAY, the 28th January, 1898 (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Limited.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1898. [226

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANY will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 19, BANK BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on SATURDAY, the 29th inst., at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and appointing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 29th instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1898. [185

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S TOWN DEPOT, WYNDHAM STREET, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 31st inst., at NOON, for the purpose of Presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts, to the 31st July last.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd inst. to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1898. [223

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, PEDDER STREET, at NOON, on SATURDAY, 5th February, to receive a statement of the Company's Accounts to the 31st December, 1897, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th inst. to the 5th proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [262

THE RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

A DIVIDEND of One Shilling per Share has been declared payable on 7th day of FEBRUARY; in Brisbane, in respect of Shares on the Brisbane Register, and in Singapore, in respect of Shares on the Singapore Branch Register.

Notice is hereby given that the Singapore Branch REGISTER will be CLOSED from 30th day of JANUARY to 7th day of FEBRUARY inclusive.

Notice is also hereby given that a CALL of ONE SHILLING per Share on all contributing shares has been made, payable on or before 7th day of FEBRUARY.

Dividends on all contributing shares will be appropriated by the Company in payment of calls.

Scrip will be endorsed with payment of call, if sent to the Company's Office.

By Order of the Directors.
G. A. DERRICK,
Local Secretary.
Singapore, 15th January, 1898. [234

THE ORIENTAL HOTEL, LIMITED.

TAKE NOTICE.

CERTIFICATES Nos. 16 and 17 representing 100 DEBENTURES numbered 301 to 400 inclusive in this COMPANY, having been STOLEN, same will be cancelled if not produced at the COMPANY'S OFFICE in Kobe on or before the 5th FEBRUARY, 1898, when new Certificates will be issued.

By Order.
Kobe, 3rd January, 1898. [241

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VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1897. [a28

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [60

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Apply, giving references, &c., to
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Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [147

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASON'S HALL TO-NIGHT, the 21st inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [210

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Hongkong, 30th April, 1897. [1024

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Jan. 20, TAICHIOW, British str., 820, J. P. Martin, Bangkok via Ang Hin 9th Jan., Rice.—YUEN-FAT HONG.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 21st, 1898.

REUTER to-day supplies us with two important items relating to China. The first is a declaration by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the effect that Great Britain does not desire territorial acquisition in China, but that she does desire to open the door of that country to the world's commerce, and that the Government is absolutely determined, even if necessary at the cost of war, not to allow the shutting of the door of commerce against us. That is a perfectly correct attitude, which we trust the Government will firmly maintain. Commerce is our vulnerable point, and it is there that our rivals try to strike us. Of this we have an instance in the opposition of Russia and France to the conditions of the proposed British loan to China, which is the second item contained in Reuter's telegram. Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD, we are told, has informed the Tsungli Yamen that Great Britain is willing to provide a loan on the following conditions, namely, the opening of three treaty ports, including Talienwan and Nanning, the non-alienation of the Yangtsze Valley, and permission to Great Britain to extend the Burmah railway through Yunnan. China approves of these conditions, but the Russian and French Ministers oppose them. On what ground can this opposition be based, and what right have France or Russia to have any say in the matter at all? The opening of additional ports would be to the advantage of France and Russia, as well as to that of England, in proportion to the trade of the respective countries. England seeks no exclusive advantage for herself, but simply that certain ports shall be thrown open to the trade of the whole world on equal terms. Equal terms, however, do not suit our rivals; they want special terms for themselves. We fail also to see what right either Russia or France has to object to the extension of the Burmah railway into Yunnan. England has not objected to the scheme of Russian railways in Manchuria, nor to the extension of the Tonkin railway into Kwangsi or Yunnan. In fact the more China is opened by the establishment of railway communication with the surrounding countries the better. But if England refrains from putting spokes in the wheels of other Powers in their relations with China she may fairly claim that they shall also refrain from putting spokes in hers, or, to change the metaphor, she is justified in saying that she has paid for her seat at the show and is not going to be elbowed out. It is true that if Russia really entertains the design attributed to her of ultimately annexing Manchuria, the establishment of an open port at Talienwan, in close proximity to Port Arthur, might be an inconvenience to her; but it is not open to her to take that objection, in the first place because she has no special claim to Manchuria, and in the second place because at present she is affecting friendship towards China, which is incompatible with designs of plundering her of her territory. Thus in inquiring the use of Port Arthur she has been careful as yet not to proceed to direct annexation, but ostensibly relies simply on a friendly arrangement, the port remaining nominally Chinese. England's avowed policy is to maintain the integrity of China as a field for the world's trade, and although some doubt may be entertained whether, in the long run it would not pay us better to let the empire fall to pieces and take our share of the fragments, the policy decided upon must now be consistently carried out. A correspondent of a London paper the other day neatly remarked that the present idea of a *quid pro quo* at the Foreign Office appears to be that, if we have two shillings and one is stolen, it is agreed the one stolen may be kept provided the other is not taken. We are glad to say that, as regards the Far East at all events, a more correct idea of the national interests and dignity is now entertained, and we trust there will be no retrocession from the position taken up by the Government, as defined by Sir MICHAEL HICKS BEACH, namely, that even if it involves war Great Britain will not allow the shutting of the door of commerce against her.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Prometheus*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 19th instant and is due here on or about the 25th instant.

A contractor was yesterday fined $25 and ordered to pay $2 damage for running a trolley down Graham Street at a dangerous speed. In its career the trolley smashed a lamp post.

The Chinese constable who was arrested here because of an allegation made by a woman that he was wanted by the Chinese authorities on charges of murder and piracy committed on the mainland was yesterday discharged. The Magistrate remarked that the Chinese authorities had not sent in a requisition for the prisoner's rendition, although they had had plenty of time to do so. His Worship had very much pleasure in discharging the constable.

A cricket match between the Cricket Club and the Football Club will be begun to-day at 2 p.m. and resumed at 10 a.m. to-morrow. The following will play for their respective Clubs:—H.K.F.C.—A. G. Ward, H. S. Moberly, H.K.R., G. D. Campbell, H.K.R., P. A. Cox, J. F. Noble, Lt. Dewar, R.N., P. G. Davies, R.A., J. M. Atkinson, Lt. Lethbridge, R.G., E.R. Morriss, A.N. Other. H.K.C.C.—Lt. Gillett, R.N., Sercombe Smith, E. Mast, Capt. Dyson, A.P.D., Capt. Langhorn, R.A., Rev. G. R. Vallings, J. F. A. Hastings, R.N., A. Anderson, S. Powell, F. Lammert, Lt. Egerton, R.N. At the drawing of stumps to-day, Mr. Justice Wise, President of the Cricket Club, will on behalf of the members, make a presentation to Mr. E. A. Ram, ex-Honorary Secretary. The Band of the H.K. Regt. Retallick and officers, attend to-morrow afternoon.

We have received from "Staff Captain" F. Symons, of the Salvation Army, an intimation that he has been commissioned by Wm. Booth, the "General," to open a Naval and Military Home at Hongkong, principally for men of the Navy and Army, but persons of all nationalities and all grades of Society will be equally welcomed. Suitable premises have been obtained on the first and second floors of No. 79, Queen's Road Central, where a reading and cheap refreshment bar will be opened as soon as the premises are put in order. "Staff Captain" Symons solicits contributions in aid of this undertaking. While acknowledging the good that has been accomplished by the Salvation Army in various parts of the world it may perhaps not be out of place to point out that there is already a soldiers' and sailors' institute in the Queen's Road East, another at Kowloon occupying its own building, and that efforts are at present being made and subscriptions solicited for the establishment of a similiar institution in Arsenal Street in a building of its own. It seems to us that it would be better to concentrate effort in this matter and support two really good institutions, one on each side of the harbour, than to have several small competing institutions with precarious incomes and unable to offer the class for which they are intended a really comfortable and attractive place of resort.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 18th January.

GREAT BRITAIN AND CHINA.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, speaking at Swansea, said that Great Britain did not desire territorial acquisition in China, but that she did desire to open the door of China to the World's commerce. He added that the Government was absolutely determined, even if necessary at the cost of war, not to allow the shutting of the door of commerce against us.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE CHINESE LOAN.

Sir Claude MacDonald has informed the Tsungli Yamen that Great Britain is willing to provide a loan on conditions that China opens three treaty ports, including Talienwan and Nanning, the non-alienation of the Yangtsze Valley, and further power and right to extend the Burmah railway through Yunnan. China approves of the conditions, but the Russian and French Ministers oppose them.

CRICKET.

In the test match at Adelaide Stoddart's eleven were all out for 278 runs. In the follow-on they have made 133 for the loss of one wicket.

THE "POWAN" ASHORE.

About eight o'clock on Wednesday evening the steamer *Powan* stuck on the mud at the second bar in the Canton River as she was coming to Hongkong. The weather was hazy at the time. Yesterday morning the passengers were transferred to the steamer *Honam* and brought to Hongkong, where they arrived yesterday afternoon. Just now the tides are very low in the river, but it was expected that the *Powan* would be got off by mid-night last night, and in that case she will arrive here this morning. No damage has been done to the steamer and the service was not interrupted, as it was maintained by the other steamers of the line.

Some of Sir John Lubbock's experiments with his ants, as described in his lecture to the Zoological Society, would not please the teetotal party. In order to test the loyalty of ants to each other, Sir John made fifty of them drunk and incapable, and then drew the attention of twenty-five sober ones to their condition. The twenty-five buckled to it, and carried the fifty home to bed.

SUPREME COURT.

19th January.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

BEFORE SIR JOHN CARRINGTON (CHIEF JUSTICE.)

THE SHELLEY STREET MURDER.

The trial of Lam Chan Wa, charged with murdering Li Fat Tong in a house in Shelley Street on the 14th November was continued.

The Attorney-General, (instructed by Mr. H. L. Dennys (Crown Solicitor), prosecuted and Mr. C. Dick Melbourne defended.

At the conclusion of the case for the Crown Mr. Melbourne addressed the jury for the defence. He contended there was no evidence to show that the prisoner committed the crime. Someone might have done it and the police found it more convenient to charge the prisoner than anybody else. It was quite possible that someone else had gone into the house and committed the murder; or Li Fat Tong might have attempted to murder the prisoner and committed suicide afterwards. If the jury found that the prisoner did commit the murder they must find that the prisoner was insane. Father Torres had said that the prisoner's father was not quite right in his mind, as he was constantly muttering. There was also the evidence of Pan Sang, a Macao druggist, who said the prisoner's mother was mad in Macao, while another man had deposed to the prisoner talking about opening mines, cutting down forests, and all sorts of nonsense on the evening of the 15th November. He must have been mad to talk like that, because he had no capital. It was true that Dr. Atkinson had said that from the 14th November to the 2nd January the prisoner had shown no signs of insanity while in the hospital, but the doctor had said it was possible for homicidal mania to break out. Counsel concluded by asking the jury to say if they thought prisoner was guilty, that he was insane.

The Attorney-General having replied, His Lordship summed up.

The jury, after an absence of five minutes from Court, unanimously found the prisoner guilty.

The prisoner, when asked if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed, said he did not commit the crime, but he was told at the hospital that he did. The people had conspired against him to do him an injury. After speaking about the wine transactions in Macao prisoner said that before he "turned silly" he had thoughts of such a thing, but he could not now remember that he had done anything. He asked his Lordship to be lenient with him.

His Lordship passed sentence of death in the usual manner.

THE TRIAD SOCIETY CASE.

The Attorney-General intimated that he had filed information against the two men who were committed for trial at the Magistracy in connection with the illegal meeting of the Triad Society in the colony, and he asked leave to withdraw the information in order that the two men might be sent back to the Magistrate to be dealt with.

His Lordship granted the application.

This concluded the business of the Sessions.

THE SALE OF INJURIOUS LIQUORS IN HONGKONG.

MEETING OF JUSTICES.

Yesterday afternoon a general meeting of the Justices of the Peace was held in the City Hall for the purpose of considering a communication from the Government on the subject of the resolutions recently submitted to them in regard to the sale of injurious liquors in Hongkong.

Hon. H.E. Wodehouse (Police Magistrate) presided and there were also present—Messrs. W. M. B. Arthur, J. A. de Carvalho, N. J. Ede, Dr. Hartigan, A. Shelton Hooper, G. C. Cox, W. Danby, A. Findlay Smith, C. Palmer, A. J. May, H. C. Nicollo, D. R. Crawford, Gershom Stewart, C. S. Sharp, D. E. Brown, J. H. Lewis, F. Dodwell, J. B. Coughtrie, E. M. Gray, H. M. Mehta, T. H. Reid, Dr. Clark, H. McCallum, Dr. Stedman, Rev. R. E. Cobbold, T. Jackson, E. C. Wilcox, Dr. Bateson Wright, H. L. Dalrymple, G. Sharp, E. W. Mitchell, H. Smith, C. Inchbald, A. W. Brewin, E. Layton, W. H. Percival, G. T. Veitch, J. Thurburn, etc.

The CHAIRMAN—Gentlemen, before commencing the proceedings I should like to know whether it is your wish that the meeting should be public. The reporters are here and they will be admitted.

Mr. EDE—Certainly. I propose that reporters be admitted.

Dr. HARTIGAN seconded.

Carried.

The CHAIRMAN, after reading the notice convening the meeting, said—Before declaring the meeting open I should like briefly to explain the circumstances under which this meeting has been called. At a meeting of Justices held in November last for the purpose of considering applications for licences, the question of the sale of injurious liquors was brought forward and a strong wish was expressed that some means should be taken to control or suppress what was styled the pernicious traffic in poisonous liquors which is believed to exist in the colony. The traffic was pronounced to be injurious not only to our soldiers and sailors at large but also to many other individuals who partake of these liquors, intending to do so moderately and at last succumbing to their influence with loss of credit to themselves, a loss to their purses and a loss of promotion in the service generally. The meeting was followed up by an informal meeting of gentlemen consisting not only of Justices of the Peace but of officers of the Navy and Army, when the question was again considered and the result was that certain resolutions were drawn up and afterwards circulated for the consideration of the Justices of the Peace. I will now read those resolutions. There were present at the meeting—Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, C.M.G., Colonel Gordon, W. Y. Rugt., the Honourable T. H. Whitehead, Lt.-Colonel Clarke, C. D., Mr. C. S. Sharp, Mr N. J. Ede, Dr. Clark, and Mr. J. J. Francis Q.C., and it was resolved:—

(1.)—That there was no evidence to show that the wines and spirits sold in the colony were adulterated to any serious extent, that the existing law sufficiently provided for any such cases, but that there was good reason to believe great harm and injury was being done by the sale in licensed taverns of crude (imported) liquors of very inferior quality and by the supply of deleterious inferior Chinese spirits in brothels.

(2.)—That in the interests of soldiers and sailors and of the community generally some steps ought to be taken to check the importation and sale of crude spirits of all kinds and to place some restrictions on the sale of Chinese spirits and liquors.

(3.)—That the most effective means of checking the importation and sale of crude spirits would in our opinion be that the Government should establish a standard as to the maximum percentage of fusel oil (amylic alcohol) or other crude products of distillation to be allowed in any spirit and that the possession by any licensed person of spirits not in accordance with the standard should be made a punishable offence.

(4.)—That an invariable part of the punishment should be the endorsement of the conviction on the offender's licence and that a second conviction within three years entailed a forfeiture of licence.

(5.)—That the Government should undertake by its official experts an examination into the qualities and kinds of Chinese wines and spirits, the methods of manufacture, modes of adulteration, &c, and on the report of its scientific advisers, should fix some minimum standard of quality to which all Chinese spirits should conform. Adherence to this standard to be enforced by penalties on the same lines as those for imported crude spirits, and

(6.)—That these resolutions be circulated among the Justices of the Peace and if approved of by a majority be forwarded to the Government for their consideration.

With regard to these resolutions, gentlemen, I think I may say on behalf of those who were responsible for them that it was thought they should not be considered as so many axioms beyond the scope of controversy, or as the final decision on the question, but rather that they should put into form an expression of the general nebulous feeling entertained on the subject, and that they should form a basis on which to approach the Government. I circulated the resolutions for the information of the Justices in the following terms:—"The undersigned has been requested to circulate the accompanying memorandum amongst the Justices of the Peace and will be obliged if they will express their approval of the resolutions which it is proposed to forward for the consideration of the Government.—H. E. Wodehouse, Police Magistrate." The result was that a large proportion of the Justices signified their approval of the resolutions. There was a small minority against the resolutions. The next step was to forward the resolutions for the consideration of the Government, which was done in the following letter:—

"The Magistracy, Hongkong,
14th December, 1897.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward for the consideration of the Government copy of resolutions relating to the sale of injurious liquors passed at an informal meeting held at Derrington on the 16th November, 1897, at which were present—[Here follow names of gentlemen present as given above.]

I have further to forward, in original, the endorsement of the general body of the Justices of the Peace to whom the foregoing resolutions were submitted.—I have the honour to be, &c.,

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate."

To that letter a reply was received from the Government in the form of a minute by the Colonial Secretary, which was forwarded to you in the following letter:—

"The Magistracy,
Victoria, Hongkong,
15th January, 1898.

"Sir,—With reference to the forthcoming meeting of Justices of the Peace at the City Hall, it may be to your convenience to know that the Government requests that the Justices will appoint a Committee of their own body to consider the matter and make definite recommendations to the Government such as can be embodied in an Ordinance and are likely to secure the object aimed at.

The foregoing is the communication referred to in my letter convening the meeting.—I have the honour to be, &c.

H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Police Magistrate."

My own opinion with regard to that minute is that if it is left to the Justices to deal with the matter the result will not be so favourable as if the Government themselves took the matter in hand and formed a Committee or Commission with power to call witnesses and examine them. (Applause.) It is, however, for you yourselves, gentlemen, to decide that question. I think I need make only one more remark, and that is in regard to myself personally. As you are aware, by Ordinance the Magistrate presides at meetings of the Justices of the Peace held to consider applications for transfers or for licences. He is also generally used as a medium through which to convene a meeting, but the meetings once convened and opened I am of opinion that the functions of the Magistrate cease, and that after that he becomes merged in the general body of Justices. Therefore, in now declaring the meeting opened, I will call upon you to elect your Chairman. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN then left his seat.

Mr. EDE proposed that Hon. H. E. Wodehouse be appointed Chairman of the meeting.

Mr. MEHTA seconded.

Carried unanimously.

The chair was again taken by Hon. H. E. Wodehouse.

The CHAIRMAN—I have great pleasure in occupying the chair, and we will now proceed to discuss the answer of the Government which I have already read to you. I will call upon any gentleman present to make any remarks or move any resolution he may feel inclined to move.

In answer to Mr. CRAWFORD, the CHAIRMAN said—So far as my recollection goes—I have not the Ordinance with me now—there is no provision in the Ordinance regarding the sale of deleterious liquors. There is a provision for the sale of adulterated liquors, and adulterated liquors are defined in a particular way which does not include the quality of liquors such as we are now considering.

Mr. CRAWFORD—If there is no special provision for Hongkong we are under the ordinary English law.

The CHAIRMAN—That is not so. The English law is not in force here subsequent to 1843 unless it has been expressly put in force by Ordinance.

Mr. HOOPER—Is there any law in England at the present time which deals with this question?

The CHAIRMAN—I am unable to say.

Dr. HARTIGAN—As nobody else seems inclined to take the matter up I suppose I must, although I did not intend to do so. With regard to the Government proposal that we should form a Committee, it seems to me that it would be better to ask the Government to form a Commission, or as has been suggested, should ask the Government to give it the powers of a Commission. I do not think we should be able to carry out the object we have in view unless we get very ample powers—powers to take evidence and compel people to give evidence. If we were simply what I might designate an irresponsible Committee we probably should not be able to get a certain amount of conclusive evidence which we should require as the Government have asked us to give them certain definite details from which they could found an opinion. Everybody knows that the question of drink in Hongkong is one of the very highest importance. You cannot walk out in the streets at night without seeing the results of the present regulations—or non-regulations—and any medical man here can vouch for the evil results. Certainly I know that naval and military officers can say that the results on their men produced by this particular liquor is very bad indeed, as it is not a mere case of drunkenness, but it is a case of frenzy. It is not a case of drunkenness for a day, but for a week. I have never seen any honest liquor produce this result even when taken in larger quantities. In order to settle this question we should ask the Government to give the Committee the full powers of a Commission as regards the taking of evidence that they think is necessary. This present trouble is, as you all know, of very long standing and I am sorry to say it is increasing. My own idea was that having called the attention of the Government to the matter, the functions of the Justices were finished, but as the Government have not taken that view I see no reason why we should not meet them, and as to a certain extent they have endorsed our opinion that something ought to be done we certainly ought to meet them half way and if necessary appoint a Commission at once. The one objection taken to the original resolutions was that it was impossible to find any means of nailing this matter; but it seems to me that if we can prove that this evil is doing an immense amount of injury to those who some day may have to defend us the Government ought to take steps to remedy that defect, no matter what interests are involved. (Applause.) I may say that a gentlemen who knows all about these cases told me that you can get quite a respectable drop of good honest Irish or Scotch whiskey for the same price as the poisonous stuff is sold at. If that is so, we can deal with the matter by means of the licences. We can compel licence holders to sell only genuine stuff and not spurious as it is to a great extent at present. Then as regards Chinese liquor, that is more easily dealt with, because we could say it should be kept up to a certain standard, and that could easily be accomplished by putting a provision in the Ordinance. The view we should take is that if the evil exists a remedy should be found. The Government is here to govern and if the Government cannot find a remedy we should take means to abolish an evil which is sapping the foundations of a great portion of the population. I beg to conclude by hoping that we shall come to some definite results to-day and not allow this question to be in abeyance as it has been to my certain knowledge for twenty years, and probably twenty years before that. (Applause.)

Mr. EDE—I see here an expert gentleman, Mr. McCallum. I should like to ask him whether it is possible to establish a standard that would not interfere with legitimate liquor and by which we should be able to ascertain if there were deleterious substances in the liquors sold.

Mr. MCCALLUM—I think it is quite possible to fix a standard, both for foreign liquors and for Chinese liquors.

Dr. HARTIGAN—I beg to propose the following resolution:—"That this meeting appoint a Committee of three members to inquire into the question of the working of the liquor laws of this colony, and that the Government add two members thereto and give such Committee the power of a Commission."

Mr. A. FINDLAY SMITH seconded.

Mr. COUGHTRIE—Mr. Chairman, do you think five members will be sufficient on the Committee? It might be necessary to have sub-Committees.

The CHAIRMAN—That is entirely a matter for yourselves to decide.

Mr. DALRYMPLE—Mr. Chairman, I beg to move the following amendment—"That if it is considered advisable by the Justices present that a Committee or Commission should be appointed, that that Commission should be appointed by the Government entirely." Personally I think that this is a matter which the Government should deal with. They are possessed of the necessary machinery, and I think it is the duty of the Government to take steps to prevent the importation and sale of injurious liquors.

Mr. THURBURN seconded the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN—I think I may as well say that when putting this resolution and amendment before you it will be well to bear in mind the fact that we have no facts before us at present on which we could ask for a Commission, and that it is possible that the Justices who have taken the initiative in the matter will be called upon to see in what way the evil exists. We have been told that it exists, but at present there is nothing before the Government to prove that it does, and I think that before they take such an important step as appointing a Commission they would like to be furnished with certain facts showing the nature of the evil. Before coming to a conclusion on this amendment and resolution I should like you to consider that point. It seems to me, gentlemen, that there will be no difficulty in obtaining sufficient grounds for the Government to go upon if we invite officers of the Navy and Army and the Mercantile Marine to give us information on the matter. That information will be quite sufficient for the Government if it thinks proper to appoint a Commission.

Mr. COUGHTRIE—In regard to what you have just observed, the matter appears to me in exactly the same light. I think that certain facts should be brought out by the Committee of the Justices and represented to the Government. Upon these facts the Government may appoint a Commission with the fullest powers. My idea is that if the Justices elect a Committee of seven and take evidence there will be something for the Government to go upon. At present there is nothing to lay before the Government in a tangible form. I have a list of names here and I therefore beg to propose another amendment:—"That Hon. H. E. Wodehouse, Rev. R. F. Cobbold, Dr. Hartigan, Mr. N. J. Ede, Mr. C. S. Sharp, Mr. D. R. Crawford, and Mr. H. L. Dalrymple form a Commission of seven to obtain all the information they can on this matter and report to the general body of Justices.

Mr. DALRYMPLE—May I ask if the Government would itself give powers to any Committee in the collation of facts?

The CHAIRMAN—Of course I am unable to answer that.

Mr. COUGHTRIE—We are here at the request of the Government for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Government, and I am of opinion—

The CHAIRMAN—I think the Government would like general facts.

Mr. COUGHTRIE—How can we get them unless we have the power? (Applause).

The CHAIRMAN—What I suggested was that the officers of the Navy and Army and the Mercantile Marine would be able to supply us with the necessary facts sufficient for the Government to take action upon.

Mr. COUGHTRIE—I am afraid the Committee would like wider information than that.

The CHAIRMAN—We will leave it to the Committee to deal with the matter as they choose.

Mr. MOSES seconded Mr. Coughtrie's amendment.

Mr. HENDRIE SMITH—I should like to say that it seems to me that with every amendment we are getting further and further away from the main issue. (Applause.) The Justices have plainly pointed out to the Government what they consider should be done and I am sorry to say that the Government, as usual, have shirked their responsibility and referred the matter back to the Justices of the Peace. It seems to me that though we are all agreed that the Government have the necessary machinery and should have every wish to put an Ordinance in force to try and ameliorate this trade in inferior drink, that as the Justices have been distinctly asked they should act at once, and I would suggest to the gentleman who proposed the first resolution that he might amend it by moving that the Justices now appoint five gentlemen, whose names shall be submitted to the Government, to inquire into and report upon the traffic in these liquors on condition that they are given all the powers of a Government Commission. (Applause.) I may say that two members of the Government might be put on the Committee, as, for instance, Mr. Wodehouse and Dr. Clark or Mr. McCallum.

Mr. INCHBALD seconded.

Dr. HARTIGAN, the mover of the first resolution, said he consented to the alteration being made as suggested by Mr. Herbert Smith. The resolution would then read "that the Committee consist of five members and that the Government add two members thereto."

Mr. HERBERT SMITH—Leave that last part out. We will do it ourselves. The minute distinctly says the Government wish us to appoint the Committee. Why not do it?

Dr. HARTIGAN—I was informed that the objection to that would be that if we ask for the powers of a Commission we must have Government members.

Dr. STEDMAN—We can appoint two officials from amongst ourselves.

The CHAIRMAN then put Mr. Coughtrie's amendment to the meeting.

Four Justices voted for it and twenty-two against. The amendment was therefore lost.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Dalrymple was then put to the meeting and lost by 10 votes to 22.

The following original resolution was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously:—"That this meeting appoint five members to enquire into the question of the working of the liquor laws of this colony, and that the Government be requested to give such Committee the powers of a Commission."

Mr. SMITH proposed and Mr. EDE seconded that the following Committee be appointed.—Hon. H.E. Wodehouse, Dr. Hartigan, Mr. H. McCallum, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., and Rev. R. F. Cobbold.

Carried.

This was all the business and a vote of thanks to the Chairman having been passed the proceedings concluded.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

The annual prize distribution took place at St. Joseph's College last evening. There was a large attendance, Sir J. W. Carrington, LL.D., C.M.G., presiding. The Papal Delegate to India visited the College for the first time. Amongst others present were Bishop Pinoli, Father Martinet, Father Torres, Mr. J. J. Francis, &c.

Before the distribution of prizes took place the College Choir sang two choruses and then four of the upper class boys debated on the question of "Can Arbitration be made a substitute for War." The affirmative was taken by E. A. Pugh and E. J. Noronha and the negative by L. E. Gutérres and J. C. Logan.

The following report for 1897 was then read by the Principal of the College:—

In reviewing the scholastic year of 1897, I find that 223 pupils were received during the year, and that there was an average monthly attendance of 185. We presented 132 pupils for the Government Grant-in-Aid Examination, and the results, though not up to those of former years, was on the whole satisfactory. In the lower Standards, where the examinations have always been conducted by the Inspector himself, the results were very good; in the upper Standards, where the examinations are entirely written, the percentage was somewhat lower than those of former years, but we hope this little severity will cause the larger pupils to set a higher value on the Government examination, and study better to prepare themselves for it.

We are particularly pleased with the results obtained in the Oxford University Local Examinations. There were only seven boys in the colony who passed the Senior examination, and five of those belong to St. Joseph's College; and of the fifteen Juniors who passed six belong to St. Joseph's. Though the Preliminary boys were not so successful as the others, yet we had a fair proportion, as two out of the five who passed in the colony belong to St. Joseph's. We may attribute this success, in some measure, to the stimulus which His Honour the Chief Justice, gave to the pupils by his advice and encouraging words at the last distribution of prizes.

We find that debating is a good means to make the pupils read, and also to develop their elocutionary powers and give them a taste and desire to continue their studies. The short debate you have just heard is only a reproduction of one which took place in the class room in which 10 students participated.

The system of weekly reports continues to be a great source of emulation and it is gratifying to see that most of the parents take a great interest in them.

The two prizes for the best essays on "The Command of the Sea," and "The Use of the British Navy," so kindly offered by the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League, were also a source of emulation. Nine students wrote on the subjects, and the essays of Master E. Noronha were adjudged to be the best with those of Masters B. Tudara and F. X. Ribeiro as good seconds. The two Belilios Scholarships continue to be a great benefit to the School, as they serve to keep the pupils longer at their studies.

The pupils continue to take an interest in the military drill and in cricket and football.

In conclusion, we have to tender our sincerest thanks to the Hon. E. R. Belilios for his two scholarships and other prizes; also to the Navy League and its Honorary Secretary, and to Sir J. W. Carrington, LL.D., C.M.G., Messrs. T. Jackson, A. G. Romano, D. Noronha, Dr. A. P. Carvalho, L. H. Mody, and the other gentlemen who have so generously contributed towards our prize fund. We also thank Mr. A. W. Brewin, Inspector of Schools, for having adjudicated the Prize Essays on "The Command of the Sea" and "The Use of the British Navy."

After presenting the prizes Sir JOHN CARRINGTON addressed the pupils in an encouraging tone. He said it gave him great pleasure to again present the prizes at St. Joseph's College and have the opportunity of speaking a few words of encouragement to the boys—words which he hoped they would carry away with them and which, if observed, might possibly do them good. Sir John then delivered to the boys an instructive address impressing on them the importance of an attentive and painstaking school career to fit them for a successful professional life when their school days were over. He then paid a high tribute to the teaching staff of the College, and urged the boys to do all they could to lighten the task of their teachers by paying the strictest possible attention to their duties. The task of a teacher was a very hard one. He could speak with authority on that point, as he once was the teacher of a class of twenty-five boys. Since then he had changed his vocation, and he must say that, although he loved the boys, he would rather be engaged in hearing Synagogue cases for a whole year than teach that class again. (Laughter). In conclusion Sir John addressed a word of encouragement to those pupils who had not received prizes and hoped they would not be disappointed at their non-success but regard it as an incentive to work with increased energy during the ensuing school year.

Father DE MARIA then said—As Manager of the school I beg to thank you, Sir John Carrington, for your very great kindness in coming to distribute the prizes to the children. It is the second time you have honoured the school by your presence and as the Brother Director in his report has pointed out, your first visit was not without profit and advantage to the boys. This further proof of your Honour's interest in the school will be an additional encouragement and stimulus to our pupils, young and old, and is a source of very great gratification to the Brother Director and his assistants. I desire to convey to you their very hearty thanks and acknowledgments. It is also my most pleasing duty to welcome to St. Josephs the Delegate to India of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, who has honoured the College by his presence to-day and to thank him for his very great courtesy in accepting our invitation to be present on this occasion. He will soon find himself at the feet of the Holy Father and we entreat him to assure His Holiness of our love and devotion towards his person and office. To His Lordship our own Bishop our most hearty thanks are clearly due. His zeal in the cause of education and his paternal solicitude for our well-being are ever more and more fully illustrated and displayed. I have also to thank all our good friends and supporters for their presence.

The following is the list of prize winners:—

Standard I.—C. de Carvalho, A. da Luz, L. G. Cordeiro, A. Marti, A. Rozario, A. Neves.

Standard II.—J. Rozario, J. Carmo, Lo Pou, C. Franco, A. I. Xavier, Kwock J. Lun, D. Alonço, M. Larcina.

Standard III.—J. Gaskell, F. Casademunt, F. Simoes, J. Wolters, H. Silva, L. Remedios, G. Rozario, A. Gutierrez, N. Botelho, J. Avila, R. Passos.

Standard IV.—C. Afah, C. Remedios, A. Barradas, C. Almarin, J. Yvanovich, G. Victor, P. A. Rozario.

Standard V.—J. Melendreras, G. Remedios, C. Remedios, A. Hahn, H. Taylor, E. Rozario, F. Remedios, A. Botelho, L. C. Xavier, Ng Luck Kee.

Oxford Preliminaries.—H. Costa, H. V. Biard, W. Paley.

Oxford Juniors.—F. X. V. Ribeiro, B. Talara, E. A. Pugh, M. Simoes, L. E. Gutorres, M. Hopun, J. C. Logan, F. Silva.

Oxford Seniors.—E. J. Noronha, A.A., J. P. Xavier, C. O'Toole, A.A., I. Franco, A.A., E. M. Xavier, A.A.

A prize presented by Sir J. W. Carrington, LL.D., C.M.G., for aptitude, diligence and good conduct was awarded to C. L. O'Toole, A.A.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At the monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 14th January.—Present: Messrs. R. M. Gray (Chairman), Herbert Smith (Vice-Chairman), N. J. Ede, J. J. Bell-Irving, T. Jackson, N. A. Siebs, T. H. Whitehead, and E. C. Wilcox (Secretary).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting (held 17th December) were read and confirmed.

RESIGNATION.

Read letter from Mr. St. C. Michaelsen, dated 31st December, resigning his seat on the General Committee.

Resolved that a letter be written in reply expressing the regret of the Committee at losing Mr. Michaelsen's assistance and thanking him for the invaluable services he had rendered during the past ten years.

It was then unanimously decided to invite Mr. A. Haupt, of Messrs. Melchers & Co., to accept the seat vacated by Mr. Michaelsen.

THE PINNACLE ROCK FUND.

Replies to the Chamber's Circular letter on the above subject were produced from H.B.M.'s Consul-General at Shanghai, the Consuls at Ningpo, Foochow, Swatow, and Pakhoi, and a further letter from the Consul at Amoy; also replies from the Commissioners of Customs at Foochow and Amoy.

It was decided not to wait for further replies, but to act on the decision last come to and grant the several British Consuls a credit of $300 each upon which to draw for rewards earned, advising them and also the Commissioners of Maritime Customs at the Ports originally named of the same.

STORM WARNINGS.

In accordance with the decision arrived at at the last meeting, a letter had, on the 23rd Dec., been addressed to the Government suggesting an early return to the system of meteorological signals formerly in use.

No reply had yet been received from the Government.

COMPLAINT OF OFFICIAL INTERFERENCE WITH TRADE IN KWANGSI.

Read further letter from Mr. F. W. Watts, dated 28th Dec., thanking the Chamber for the support accorded to him and enclosing copies of Mr. Consul Brenan's reply to his claim on the Chinese Authorities and of the claim itself.

Decided that, as no further communication had been received from the Consul since he wrote stating that the case was in hand, the Chamber must await developments before proceeding further in the matter.

THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUMS.

Read letter from the Director of the Philadelphia Museums, dated 20th Nov., inviting the Chamber to become a member and send two delegates to be present at the meeting of the Advisory Board in June next.

As the membership entailed the despatch of delegates to Philadelphia, it was decided to reply expressing inability to accept the invitation but thanking the Board of Trustees for the compliment paid to the Chamber.

ABOLITION OF IMPORT DUTY ON TEA IN BELGIUM.

Read letter from the Belgian Consul announcing that from the 1st January, 1898, the import duty on tea in Belgium would be abolished, a step which was regarded as very satisfactory.

POSTAL DELIVERIES.

The Vice-Chairman drew attention to the very unsatisfactory state of the Postal arrangements, both with regard to the closing of mails earlier than usual and the great delay in delivering mails arrived.

Resolved to make representations to the Government on the subject.

(*Correspondence.*)

STORM WARNINGS.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.
23rd December, 1897.

Sir,—I am directed by my Committee to ask you to bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor the unsatisfactory results of the present system of storm warnings. This system, which came into force at the commencement of the current year, is apparently only intended to show when strong winds are expected *here*; but the Chinese boating population, confusing these signals with the meteorological signals former

this informed me that the address at the back of the card was his Celestial friend's home.

The day before arriving at Gibraltar I resolved to screw myself up to the unpleasant task of persuading the girls that they were being taken out to China under false pretences and that they had better, at all costs, return from Gibraltar by another steamer, even if they had to throw themselves on the generosity of the P. & O. agent to give them a free passage, for I guessed that they would not have the means to pay for one themselves. I found an opportunity to speak to the one supposed to be the wife of the secretary and as soon as I touched on the subject of the deception they were under I was roundly abused for my pains and told to mind my own business. Later on the voyage, I found that this young woman was the daughter of the English housekeeper of the Chinese Legation in London and both herself and her friend had been married to their (nominal) Chinese husbands according to the usual rites observed in the Church of England. Anyone who knows anything of Chinese customs would know that these men must have had wives in China and that the English marriage service they had gone through was little better, under the circumstances, than a farce. The Chinaman, it appears, was well supplied with funds, but he was careful never to let the girls have a cash. There is no doubt that a man in his position, whose salary was only a few dollars a month, could not possibly pay £45 (forty five pounds sterling) for a passage for his wife and that therefore the passage of these two girls was paid by others and he was merely their agent to see the two girls safely landed at Shanghai, while the men who financed the business went by another steamer.

I think that no steamer company should grant a passage to any English girl accompanying, or accompanied by a Chinaman to China or elsewhere, and some action should be taken by the British Authorities to ensure this.

It was only too evident to myself what the fate of these poor girls would be, but I found that they would not listen to counsel and that therefore I was powerless to help them.

I note, by the account in the paper, that the poor girl in question was left, in the depth of winter, in an empty house with only a nightdress as her sole covering or article of apparrel. This speaks volumes both as to the diabolical cruelty and meanness of the Chinese concerned and to the purity of the girl thus left to her fate, for had she not been too pure to fall in with their views and be their willing tool she would not have been left thus.

As for the English secretary of the Chinese Legation, he is beneath contempt, for he obtained this position and keeps it by truckling to the Chinese; he lends himself most actively and basely to the kidnapping of a Chinese subject in London and the attempted smuggling of him abroad under false pretences, and he fails to prevent the kidnapping of English girls for conveyance to China. Surely it is time that Her Majesty's Ministers ceased to recognise him in any official or other capacity—for it is thought that he dictates, with other of China's European advisors, their policy in China—and that they advised Her Majesty against receiving him at her drawing rooms.

It is reported that another of China's foreign advisers obtained his influence with the Chinese, and ousted a predecessor, by supplying a young French girl to Prince Kung for a concubine.

BRITISHER.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1898.

FORMOSA.

"The Beautiful Island" maintains its reputation for unruliness and violence. Baron Nogi has again to report various outbreaks of rebellion and various measures of restraint. His telegrams just published relate to events which occurred last month, from which delay we *(Japan Mail)*, infer that the operations described were in localities more or less remote from the regular lines of communication. The details do not convey explicit information, but it will be as well to translate the telegrams accurately:—

OPERATIONS OF THE FIRST MIXED BRIGADE.

The insurgent bands under Lo, Ya and Su Liok having assembled in force, and made an irruption into the hilly district on the north of the Kelung River, where they gave themselves up to general pillage, three companies of infantry were sent from Taipoh and one from Kelung, under the command of Major Hirooka, on the 7th of December, to disperse them. On the approach of the troops the rebels fled in all directions, and no encounter of any consequence took place. The troops camped out in the hills and instituted a thorough search of the district, with the result that, on the 23rd of December, the insurgents were brought to bay, and two bodies under Soh Ko and Sui Hwan-kiok were engaged by the gendarmes, the rebel casualties being 13 killed, 40 or 50 wounded and 2 taken prisoners. On the side of the gendarmes there were one killed, one wounded and one missing.

OPERATIONS OF THE SECOND MIXED BRIGADE.

On the 21st of November the insurgents at Taipui-chin and Tok-to-cho were attacked and scattered, but at the close of the month they re-assembled; and in the beginning of December, some two hundred of them, under the leadership of Hi Tiat and Ting Sui-sian, made their appearance in the Chik-kow hills, entrenched themselves strongly, and made as though they contemplated an attempt to recover possession of Ta-pong-ting. On the 7th of December, therefore, the Brigade sent five single companies of infantry, a battery of artillery, together with detachments of engineers and ambulances and a squadron of mounted gendarmes, to attack them. On the morning of the 13th, the assault was delivered from three directions, and the rebels, after some resistance, abandoned their entrenchments and fled in all directions, with a loss of 10 killed, 26 prisoners, including one of their leaders, Nai Gi, and 40 wounded, including Ho Tiat. The Japanese casualties were three wounded, including a sergeant of engineers. A part of the attacking force was stationed near Kai-kow-shan, and the remainder was withdrawn.

OPERATIONS OF THE THIRD MIXED BRIGADE.

At the close of November, about 200 insurgents assembled at Hwan-tsu-shan, under the command of Chai Ai-ai and Chai Hiong, and raided the surrounding districts. Two companies of the Brigade which were returning, on relief, from Sin-ong and Chiau-pa-lu, attacked and dispersed these insurgents on the 7th of December. But it having been ascertained that a large force of insurgents were holding a fort in the vicinity of Kiu-ti-ong, Major Inouye was despatched on the 8th to disperse them, having under his command two companies of infantry, a squadron of cavalry, a detachment of artillery, and a detachment of engineers. The rebels fled without sustaining an assault, and the troops are now engaged hunting them out. The insurgents had several killed in the engagement on the 7th, and two of the attacking party were wounded.

SHIPPING REPORT.

The British steamer *Taichiow*, from Bangkok via Ang Hin 9th Jan., had fine clear weather to Pulo Obi; rounded on 13th moderate N.E. monsoon with heavy swell; passed Cape Padaran 15th inst. at noon, moderate breeze with head swell, passing rain squalls; heavy rain at times. On the 17th encountered strong N.E. gales with high sea.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Dec. 29, Dutch str. Prins Alexander, Turfboer, Dec. 29, from Batavia for Amsterdam.

29, Dutch str. Soembing, De Boer, Nov. 19, from Rotterdam for Batavia.

31, Norw. bark Elida, Andresson, Dec. 26, from Batavia for Padang.

31, Amr. ship Agenor, Sheelens, Dec. 25, from from Batavia for New York.

Jan. 3, British str. Albion, Race, Nov. 21, from Barry for Batavia.

4, Norw. bark Olivia, Christenson, Dec. 31, from Batavia for Tjilatjap.

4, British str. Duke of Argyll, Dec. 1, from London for Batavia.

4, British bark Dundalo, Lamont, Dec. 6, from Manila for Liverpool.

4, British ship Savona, M'Dougall, Dec. 15, from Manila for Delaware Breakwater.

5, Dutch str. Bargemeesterdentol, Hubert, Nov. 27, from Amsterdam for Batavia.

5, Dutch str. Bromo, Bagchus, Jan. 5, from Batavia for Rotterdam.

5, Amr. ship St. Mark, Dudley, Dec. 21, from Hongkong for New York.

5, British 4-m. bark Drumeltan, Smith, Dec. 23, from Hongkong for New York.

5, Amr. ship Paramita, Soul, from Manila for New York.

6, Amr. ship S. D. Carleton, Amesbury, Dec. 23, from Singapore for New York.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [14

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [13

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1897. [15

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SUBSCRIBED	£1,125,000
PAID UP	£ 562,500
RESERVE FUND	£ 10,000

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INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.

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Hongkong, 27th October, 1897. [16

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CAPITAL PAID-UP	£800,000
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On Fixed Deposits for 12 months ... 4 per cent.
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Hongkong, 3rd June, 1897. [17

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Hongkong, 16th May, 1892 [19

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REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
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Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [67

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The Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are PREPARED TO ACCEPT First Class Foreign and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.

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Hongkong, 29th May, 1895. [20

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Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [21

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1896. [1420

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TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1896, £12,954,532 0s. 0d.

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SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	2,750,000	
PAID-UP CAPITAL	687,500	0 0
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Hongkong, 12th June, 1897. [1523

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Hongkong, 27th July, 1897. [119

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1897. [64

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1898. [69

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Hongkong, 11th January, 1898. [183

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Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [206

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The P. & O. steamer *Ganges*, with the English mail of the 24th ultimo, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 24th instant. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 18th November, 1897.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer *Doric*, with the American mail, of the 28th ultimo, leaves Yokohama to-day, the 18th instant, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 25th instant.

The P. M. steamer *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, on the 6th instant.

The O. & O. steamer *Belgic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 15th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Catherine Apcar*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. P. steamer *Pelican* sailed from Tacoma, Wn., on the 12th Oct., for Japan.

The N. P. steamer *Tacoma* has arrived at Yokohama from Tacoma.

The N. P. steamer *Lombard* sailed from Portland, Or., for Japan and Hongkong on the 3rd instant.

The P. & O. steamer *Hydaspes* left Bombay for this port on the 8th instant.

The N. P. steamer *Victoria* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 8th instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 12th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 18th instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Omi Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port on the 10th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 21st instant.

The steamer *Darmstadt* left Colombo on Tuesday, the 11th instant, and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 21st instant.

The N. G. I. steamer *Bormida* left Singapore for this port on the 13th instant and is due here on or about the 21st instant.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Kagoshima Maru* (American Line) left Shimonoseki for this port on the 16th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 21st instant.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Prometheus*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 19th instant, and is due here on or about the 25th instant.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD—17th December.—*Oolong*. 24th December—*Carmarthenshire*, *Maria Buleris*. 28th December.—*Marie Jebsen*, *Cam*, *Tiger*. 31st December.—*Borneo*, *Ernto*, *Glenavon*, *Amana*. 4th January—*Natal*, *Crefeld*; *Langbank*. 7th January—*Hertha*, *Japan*, *Gladesbry*, *Obi*, *Petrobus*. 11th January—*Min*. 14th Jan.—*Oopack*. 18th Jan.—*Benalder*, *Benlomond*, *Sachsen*, *Devonshire*, *Lennox*, *Socotra*.

HOMEWARD.—18th January.—*Ulysses*.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

PEAK DELIVERY closes at Post Office at 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. or in Letter Boxes in the Care by 12 and 3.30 o'clock Trams. Letter Boxes at Peak will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m.

The Postal Guide for 1896, revised to date will be found in the *Chronicle and Directory*, P. XIX. This is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Hiroshima Maru*, to-day, the 21st inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Kobe.—Per *Chingtu*, to-day, the 21st inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Sandakan, and Kudat.—Per *Menmon*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Manila.—Per *Esmeralda*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Shanghai, Jinsen, Shimonoseki, and Kobe.—Per *Sagami Maru*, to-day, the 21st inst., at 3.30 P.M.

For Hoilo.—Per *Kweiyang*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Padang.—Per *Hermann*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Singapore.—Per *Java*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Bangkok.—Per *Chowfa*, to-day, the 21st instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Omi Maru*, on Monday, the 24th inst., at 4.30 P.M.

For Singapore, Colombo and Bombay.—Per *Yamaguchi Maru*, on Tuesday, the 25th inst., 11.30 A.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.—Per *Kutsang*, on Tuesday, the 25th instant, at 3.00 P.M.

For Yokohama.—Per *Canton*, on Tuesday, the 25th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Kobe.—Per *Kwongsang*, on Tuesday, the 25th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Bombay.—Per *Bormida*, on Thursday, 27th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Kobe Yokohama, and Seattle.—Per *Kagoshima Maru*, on Thursday, the 27th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Rosetta*, on Friday, the 28th inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Thursday Island, Townsville, Koppol Bay, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.—Per *Yamashiro Maru*, on Friday, the 28th instant, at 3.00 P.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per *Changsha*, on Monday, the 31st inst., at 2.00 P.M.

For Shanghai, Moji, Kobo, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, Wn.—Per *Tacoma*, on Tuesday, 1st February, at 11.30 A.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Colombo.—Per *Inaba Maru*, on Thursday, the 3rd Feb., at 3.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *City of Peking* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst., with Mails for Amoy, Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

10 A.M. Registry ceases.
11 A.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

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The British Contract Packet *Verona*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 27th inst., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.
10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases.
10.30 A.M.—Posting of newspapers, books, and patterns ceases.
11.00 A.M. Mail Closes

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) *with* 10 *cents late fee* up to 11.30 A.M. after which hour they may be sent on board with the same late fee.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.

The German Contract Packet *Preussen* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for the United Kingdom Europe and countries beyond, *via Naples*, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c., &c.

Registry ceases at 7.30 A.M.
The mail closes at 8.00 A.M. Late letters till 8.10 to 8.30 A.M. with 10 cents extra postage.

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JACOB CHRISTENSEN, Norw. str., Hansen—Wieler & Co.
LOTHAIR, Italian bk., Ferato—D. Musso & Co.
LYEEMOON, Ger. str., G. Heuermann—Siemssen & Co.
SERRANO, Am. bk., R. G. Waterhouse—Order.
SUMATRA, British bk., T. Jones—Wieler & Co.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
THURSDAY,

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SAGAMI MARU ..... M. J. Curnow	SHANGHAI, JINSEN, SHIMONOSEKI & KOBE	FRIDAY, 21st January, at 4 P.M.
OMI MARU ..... C. Young	NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 24th January, NOON.
HIROSHIMA MARU ..... N. Ohno	KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 24th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMAGUCHI MARU ..... S. Kawamuro	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & BOMBAY	TUESDAY, 25th January, at NOON
*KAGOSHIMA MARU ..... W. Thompsen	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., VIA KOBE & YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 27th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMASHIRO MARU ..... J. Jones	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 28th January at 4 P.M.
INABA MARU ..... W. Bainbridge	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEWCASTLE, & ANTWERP, V. SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID....	THURSDAY, 3rd February, at 4 P.M.

*Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. [11

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS.	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
LONDON	JAVA ..... J. Chellew, R.N.R.	4 P.M., 21st January..	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	GANGES ..... T. F. Creery	About 23rd January..	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	VERONA ..... C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R.	Noon, 27th January..	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ...	BORNEO ..... F. C. A. Lyon, R.N.R.	About 27th January..	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	CEYLON ..... E. R. Pearce	About 5th February	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1898. [1

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY.'S
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. C. P. Marshall, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 16th Feb., 1898
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R. .....WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar., 1898
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R. .....WEDNESDAY, 6th April, 1898

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA of JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder Street.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [8

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.				FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION CO.			
Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.	Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
TACOMA ...	2,549	A. Dixon	Feb. 1	PELICAN ...	2,338	A. Gove	Feb. 8
VICTORIA ...	3,167	J. Trenebridge	Feb. 22	BRAEMAR ...	3,601	E. Porter	March 8
OLYMPIA ...	2,608	Dobson	March 15	MOGUL	3,654	W. H. Wright ...	March 29
COLUMBIA ...	2,605	A. Gow	April 5				

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, £47.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.
Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA, TACOMA, OR PORTLAND, £28.

The best route to the KLONDYKE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent Sailings from VICTORIA TACOMA and PORTLAND to DYEA and ST. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, Tacoma, Wash., for Goods forwarded via that port, and to the Freight Agent, Oregon Railroad and Navigation Co., Portland, Orgaon, for Goods Shipped by that route.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [9

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"JASON,"

Captain Lycett, will be despatched TO-DAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [256

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.

THE Company's Steamship

"MEMNON,"

Captain Mogridge, will be despatched TO-DAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1898. [245

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"HECTOR,"

Captain Barr, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 31st inst.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1898. [227

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.)

STEAM TO SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"AMPHITRITE,"

Captain G. Costanzo, will leave for the above places TO-MORROW, the 22nd inst., at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [5

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Extra Steamer

"DARMSTADT,"

will be despatched as above on or about 15th of February, 1898.

To be followed by the Steamer

"CREFELD,"

on or about the 15th of March, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [55

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG.	CAPTAIN.	WOE FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Hector	Brit. str.	Barr	Butterfield & Swire	On 31st inst.
LONDON	Java	Brit. str.	Chellew, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
LONDON	Ceylon	Brit. str.	Pearce	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 5th Feb.
LONDON VIA STRAITS, &c.	Verona	Brit. str.	Tocque, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 27th inst., at Noon.
LONDON VIA STRAITS, &c.	Pingsuey	Brit. str.	Davies	Holliday, Wise & Co.	On or about 8th Feb.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL	Prussen	Ger. str.	Wettin	Melchers & Co.	On 1st Feb., at 11 A.M.
ANTWERP, BREMEN, H'BURG, &c.	Darmstadt	Ger. str.	.....	Melchers & Co.	On or about 15th Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, &c. ...	Inaba Maru	Jap. str.	Bainbridge	Nippon Yusen Kaisha ..	On 3rd Feb., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES VIA SAIGON, ETC ..	Laos	Fren. str.	Flanden	Messageries Maritimes..	On 2nd Feb., at Noon.
VANCOUVER, V. SHANGHAI, &c ..	Empress of India ..	Brit. str.	Marshall, R.N.R.	Canadian Pacific R. Co..	On 16th Feb., at Noon.
PORTLAND, OREGON VIA KOBE ..	Pelican	Brit. str.	Gove	Dodwell, Carlill & Co....	On 8th Feb., at Noon.
SEATTLE, W'TON, V. KOBE, &c.	Kagoshima Maru ..	Jap. str.	Thompson	Nippon Yusen Kaisha ..	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA V. S'HAI.	Tacoma	Brit. str.	Dixon	Dodwell, Carlill & Co. ...	On 1st Feb., at Noon.
BALTIMORE	Standard	Amer. ship.	Snow	Melchers & Co.	January.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI	Dorie	Brit. str.	.....	O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 3rd Feb., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA. S'HAI, &c.	C. of Peking	Amer. str.	.....	P. M. S. S. Co.	On 26th inst., at Noon.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL ..	P. Adelaide	Brit. str.	.....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co. ..	On 26th inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Lyderhorn	Brit. str.	.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On or about 15th Feb.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Hiroshima Maru ..	Jap. str.	Ohno	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th inst., at 4 P.M.
KOBE	Chingtu	Brit. str.	Innes	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & Y'HAMA	Omi Maru	Jap. str.	Young	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th inst., at Noon.
S'HAI, N'SAKI, KOBE & Y'HAMA..	Borneo	Brit. str.	Lyon, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 27th inst.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	Amphitrite	Aus. str.	Costanzo	Sander & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SHANGHAI, JINSEN, &c.	Sagami Maru	Jap. str.	Curnow	Nippon Yusen Kaisha ..	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Pakhoi	Brit. str.	Stott	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Ganges	Brit. str.	Creery	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 23rd inst.
AMOY	Jason	Brit. str.	Lycett	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at 3 P.M.
MANILA DIRECT	Esmeralda	Brit. str.	Taylor	Shewan, Tomes & Co. ..	To-day, at 3 P.M.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.....	Changsha	Brit. str.	Williams	Butterfield & Swire	On 31st inst., at 3 P.M.
T'DAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, &c..	Yamashiro Maru ..	Jap. str.	Jones	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 28th inst., at 4 P.M.
SANDAKAN & KUDAT	Memnon	Brit. str.	Mogridge	Butterfield & Swire	To-day, at 3 P.M.
S'PORE, COLOMBO, & BOMBAY	Yamaguchi Maru ..	Jap. str.	Kawamuro	Nippon Yusen Kaisha ..	On 25th inst., at Noon.
STRAITS & BOMBAY &c.	Bermida	Ita. str.	Noera	Carlowitz & Co.	On 27th inst., at Noon.
S'PORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA ..	Kutsang	Brit. str.	Payne	Jardine Matheson & Co.	On 25th inst., at 3 P.M.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

Captain Innes, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 21st instant, at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1898. [244

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA DIRECT.

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain Tayler, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1898 [254

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"

Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 25th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [264

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CITY OF PEKING (via Amoy, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26, 1898, at NOON.
CHINA (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Feb. 12, 1898, at NOON.
PERU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, & Yokohama)	THURSDAY, March 3, 1898, at NOON.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA AMOY, SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on WEDNESDAY, the 26th January, 1898, at NOON, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes, from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1898. [3

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Steamship

"CHANGSHA,"

Captain Williams, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 31st inst., at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co. and *vice versâ*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1898. [249

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"VERONA,"

Captain C. H. S. Tocque, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 27th JANUARY, at NOON, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [1

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

DORIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama)	THURSDAY, Feb. 3, 1898, at NOON.
BELGIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	THURSDAY, Feb. 22, 1898, at NOON.
COPTIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, March 19, 1898, at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship "DORIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, the 3rd February, 1898, at NOON.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1898. [4

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON VIA STRAITS AND COLOMBO.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for Liverpool, Glasgow, Continental Ports, River Plate, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"PINGSUEY,"

Captain D. Davies, will be despatched as above on or about the 8th February.

For Freight, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [206

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"LYDERHORN"

will be despatched as above on or about the 15th February, 1898.

To be followed by the

S.S. "ORWELL"

on or about the 23th February, 1898.

For Freight, &c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [127

FOR BALTIMORE.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship

"STANDARD,"

Snow, Master, shortly expected from Amoy, will load here for the above port during January.

For Freight, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [54

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"PORT ADELAIDE"

will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 26th January, 1898.

To be followed by the

S.S. "GHAZEE"	sail about	20th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "ARGYLL"	do.	5th Mar., 1898.
S.S. "PATHAN"	do.	20th Mar., 1898.
S.S. "LENNOX"	do.	10th April, 1898.
S.S. "ENERGIA"	do.	30th April, 1898

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [2404-2670

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND BOMBAY,

having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA, and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"BORMIDA,"

Captain Noera, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 27th inst., at NOON.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1898. [6

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

PREUSSEN	Tuesday	1st Feb.
SACHSEN	Tuesday	1st March.
BAYERN	Wednesday...	30th Mar.
PRINZ HEINRICH	Wednesday...	27th April.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of February, 1898, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain F. Wettin, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 29th January, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 31st January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 31st January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [7

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 2nd February, 1898, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "LAOS," Captain Flanden, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo will leave this port for MARSEILLES *via* BOMBAY.

This steamer connects at COLOMBO with the S. S. "ARMAND BEHIC," which vessel takes on her passengers and mails, leaving that port on the 13th February, direct to Suez, Port Said, and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 1st February. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [2

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [10

JAPAN FINE ART CURIOS

KUHN & KOMOR,

HONGKONG; YOKOHAMA; KOBE. [2359

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "PREUSSEN."

THE above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will go on to Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be given TO-MORROW, before NOON.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 20th and MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 24th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1898. [7

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "GHAZEE,"

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [136

"WARRACK" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "ARGYLL,"
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence, and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 20th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1898. [138

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS

FROM MIDDLESBORO, LONDON, BORDEAUX, AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENGARRY"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 30th inst., otherwise they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 29th inst., at 11 A.M.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1898. [238

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 20th instant will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1898. [265

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"NINGCHOW"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before NOON on the 26th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1898. [258

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP, SOUTHAMPTON, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TOSA MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

All ship damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company and sent in to this office